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To His EXCELLENCY

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HARRINGTON,

Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of

IRELAND,

As it was presented to him,

On TUESDAY the Third Instant;

With a PREFACE to the FREE and INDEPENDENT CITIZENS of *Dublin*, and to the FREE and LOYAL SUBJECTS of IRELAND, in general.

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TO THE

FREE and INDEPENDENT CITIZENS of *Dublin*,

AND

To all the FREE and LOYAL SUBJECTS of

IRELAND.

FELLOW-CITIZENS, COUNTRY-MEN and FRIENDS,

WHEN the PUBLIC LIBERTIES are in any Inſtance invaded, ſtruck at, or threatened, I can not be Silent. It is a delicate Senſe of Your Danger, not mine own, that alarms me, and moves me to call upon You, in this abrupt Manner; and as I write in the midſt of Noiſe and Hurry, You muſt excuſe much Irregularity and Inconnection.

I NEED not trouble You with enumerating the many Efforts, I have made for the *Reſtoration* and *Support* of the RIGHTS and LIBERTIES of my Fellow-Subjects. The Reception, You gave my poor indigeſted Papers fully ſhews, You regarded the Subſtance and conſidered the Intention, not the outward Form or Dreſs.

MY Views You conſtrued charitably and juſtly, which encouraged me to procede to aſſert the FREEDOM and RIGHTS of *my Country* and *City*, as the beſt Service I could render the beſt of KINGS, and his Kingdoms in general: For, his *Greatneſs* and *Glory*, and the *Freedom* and *Happineſs* of the Subjects of his Dominions, ſtand upon the ſame Foundation; they muſt riſe or fall together: Therefore, he that would raiſe the *one*, muſt always promote the *other*; and he, that annoys the Subject, or with-holds his Rights or Privilege, in a ſingle Point, ſtrikes at the *Throne*, and

though remotely, perhaps ſuperficially, wounds the SOVEREIGN: So mutual and inſeparable are their Intereſts.

I COULD not then conſiſtent with the Duty of a good Citizen, or a loyal Subject, to HIS KING, to HIS COUNTRY, to HIS CITY, and to HIMSELF, over-look any Incroachment made on the PUBLIC RIGHTS of the PEOPLE, and much leſs could I ſee, unmoved, any *Invaſion* on, or *Infringement* of, the *Principles* of our ineſtimable Frame of Government.

THEREFORE, unqualified as I happened to be for the Taſk, I thought it incumbent on me to ſtand forth and give all juſt and legal Oppoſition to all ſuch Meaſures, as tended, in the leſt, to the Deſtruction or Prejudice of our inimitable Syſtem of civil Society; ſince none of the more powerful and better qualified would imbarque in the hazardous Warfare.

I WAS not inſenſible of the Dangers and Difficulties, I had to encounter: I ſaw a Deluge of *Ignorance*, *Corruption* and *Slavery*, had ſo far over-run the Councils of the City, and a *ſervile*, *abject Complacency* and a *ſolemn Reſpect* and *Reverence*, not much removed from *Idolatry*, univerſa ly payed to *Oppulence*, that, almoſt all Places of Honor, Profit, or Truſt in the State, were filled, as *blind Fortune* dictated, without the leſt Regard to Merit or the requiſite Qualifications!

IF, under ſuch Circumſtances, LIBERTY and LOYALTY had hitherto in any Shape or Degree ſubſiſted or appeared among Us; ſure, it muſt be confeſſed, more owing to *Chance*, than *good Conduct!* And, did it not become the indiſpenſible Duty of every good Member of Society, to reſtore LIBERTY and LOYALTY, to eſtabliſh them upon rational, and juſt Principles, and not to leave them upon ſo precarious a Footing, as *blind Chance*, or *dependent* on the Breath of *any Man*'s Mouth?

THIS have I endeavored to do, and this did, as I always expected it muſt, raiſe me many powerful Enemies. Had I SELF only in View, I might have ſteered a ſecurer Courſe. I might have put on the

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Maſk of the Times, and ſold my LIBERTY, *Senſe*, and LOYALTY, at as high a Price, as ſome of my Contemporaries. I might, as the Faſhion is, have given up *one Point* to gain *another*, and ſo trucked and bartered away the LIBERTIES of my Country for *private Gain*. This would have been *worldly wiſe*; indeed, *prudent* and *politic*, in the common Acceptation, very true. But, what is all this mighty Matter to me? Or what can recompence the making a *Wreck* of my Conſcience? Who can be ſo baſe as to imagine, that I could have ſuffered my ſelf to be plucked from my ſafe and peaceful Obſcurity, to devote my whole time to the moſt painful and hazardous Toils and Labors, to ſpend the ordinary Hours of Repaſt, Recreation and Reſt, in tedious Watchings, and a continual perilous Warfare, againſt *Principalities*, againſt *Powers*, againſt *Spiritual Wickedneſs* in *high Place*, againſt the *Rulers* of the *Darkneſs* of this *little World*, for any End it could poſſibly ſerve my private Perſon? There can, I preſume be none ſo profligate, as to ſuſpect it. The Pomp and Majeſty of the Univerſe can afford me nothing that is pleaſing or deſirable without all the LIBERTY, the LAW allows. Nor could the fulleſt Enjoyment of it content me, while a ſingle Fellow-Creature under the ſame Government, ſtood robbed of his *Privileges*, without the Authority or Benefit of the *Law*. I know no Medium in our Government, between perfect LIBERTY and abject *Slavery*. The Laws of our Country expreſly declare, We are FREE and INDEPENDENT of all Legiſlatures, but OUR OWN. And conſequently, that We can be bound by no Laws, but ſuch as are, or ſhall be made by *our own* free and voluntary *Conſent*, in OUR LEGISLATURE, conſiſting of the KING, or his *Vice-gerent*, the LORDS and COMMONS of the *Realm* in PARLEMENT aſſembled. But, though the contradicting this be no better than *high Treaſon*; yet, You find it publicly, forcibly contradicted; by Men of Rank, Dignity and Power, within your Kingdom! and no Man is looked upon with more Indignation, or threatened with

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more Fury, Rage and Violence, than he, that dare aſſert the Laws of his Country, for the Honor and Intereſt of the KING and HIS PEOPLE, which are, and ever muſt be mutual, reciprocal and inſeparable!

WHAT Attempts have not been made to abuſe me and prejudice me in the Eyes of the Public? Of what Claſs of Men among Us was there a *venal Slave*, an *Hireling*, or *Proſtitute* to be had, that was not ſtirred up againſt me to write, to brawl, to inſult, to ſcuffle, to preach againſt me? Have not our Goals been gleaned for Scribes for our Enemies? and will any Thing elſe ſate their malignant Rage, but appointing me to the *Slaughter*? What Compliments do theſe *little Tyrants* and their *Paraſites* pay themſelves, when they thus ſet themſelves againſt the Aſſertors of TRUTH, LIBERTY and LOYALTY, and confeſs themſelves injured by attempting to reſtore, or ſecure the PUBLIC LIBERTIES? Of what Importance do they render me, when they make me the ſole Object of their Fury and Reſentment? And, what an Inſult do they offer the whole Community, when they would inſinuate, that there is none among You, to give them Oppoſition, when they once ſubdue me?

I TRUST in JUST PROVIDENCE, the *Enemies* of LIBERTY, who are, and muſt be *Enemies* to the KING and HIS PEOPLE, to GOD and MAN, will, in all Reſpects, find themſelves miſtaken and undone: That You have a juſt Senſe of VIRTUE and TRUE RELIGION, which muſt ever beget and ſupport LIBERTY and LOYALTY; and that You will never be diſcouraged, or diſmayed, by the Violence, Injuſtice and Inhumanity offered to me, or threatened to be executed upon me; and then, You certainly can never want more potent Champions and Advocates for the Cauſe of TRUTH and LIBERTY, than I; let my Fate be the worſt they can deviſe, or denounce. For my Part, though I am publicly *prejudged* in every Court, though You are, without Reſerve, told, what I am to ſuffer before every *Tribunal*, to which I am to be hauled; as peremptorily, as if *Expulſion*, or *Hanging*, went like *Kiſſes*, by *Courteſy*, among You, or

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were to be done, at the *arbitrary Commands* of ſome *great Individual*, in the Kingdom; yet, I ſtand more firm and unmoved, than I ſhould in the cloſeſt Careſſes of the Great. I am unſhaken and immoveable in my Purpoſes. And, I muſt continue ſo, while I am convinced that I am right, though *Tyrants*, were able to ſhake the Poles, or reduce the Globe to Attoms.

WHO can be ſo Senſeleſs, ſo ſhort-ſighted a *Slave*, as to prefer the Vain, the tranſitory Alurements of a ſhort-lived, unſteady World, to the ſure, plenary and permanent Joys of a Kingdom, whoſe Splendor outſhines the Sun, and whoſe duration will excede the bounds and End of Time? Who can think of bartering inconceivable and eternal Glory, for a little Vain, temporary Pomp and Power, in Compariſon, a mere Dream of empty Grandeur! Let him, that can do this, joyn in all the Follies and Vices of the Age. In theſe, let him ſooth and flatter himſelf and all his *Superiors*. To them let him be a tame *Slave*, that he may, in his turn, the more ſecurely enſlave his *Inferiors*. Let him turn *Religion* to a jeſt, or, to a *Trade*, and mock his GOD. Let him ſay to the KING, or his REPRESENTATIVE,——*huſh!* ALL *is well!*——when the *People* are *robbed* and *inſlaved*; and let him perſuade, that the *Groans* and *Screeches*, of the *plundered*, the *galled*, the *wounded*, the *maimed*, and the *murdered* loyal Subjects, are but the Cries of *juſtified Malecontents*, or *Criminals*, or the Songs and Acclamations of *contented Slaves*. Then let him plume himſelf with the public Spoils, and for every Feather he adds to his Cap, give an incurable Wound to the LIBERTIES of his Country, not only for the preſent, but to Generations yet unborn.

I AM not, MY FRIENDS, qualifyed for theſe Purpoſes. Perhaps, it is the Fault of mine Education. I was taught never to think of gratifying the Palates of my Friends, when I conſulted their Health; and when their Appetites were longing after improper, or unwholeſom things, I learned early to give them unſavory *Remedies* and *bitter Potions*; to reſtore their depraved

depraved and vitiated Conſtitutions, without conſidering whether it was ſuitable or pleaſing to their Taſte, or not.

Now, this blunt, plain, honeſt and diſagreeable Courſe, I choſe to follow in all other Matters. I have ſpoke the *bitter Draught* of *Truth* to all Men, for *Truth*'s Sake, not regarding whom it might pleaſe or diſpleaſe. I have, in my low and contracted Sphere, aſſerted LIBERTY, for FAIR LIBERTY's Sake, without any Dread of the Frowns or Menaces of *grand* or *petit Tyrants*. I have vindicated the Honor of MY SOVEREIGN, and of his Subjects and Dominions, in general, of thoſe of his KINGDOM of IRELAND, in particular. I have layed open the *Wounds* and *Bruiſes* and *putrifying Sores* brought on this unhappy City, and ſhewed the natural and legal Rights and Privileges of the Citizens, and by whom they were infringed and invaded. I have diſcloſed theſe Grievances in a Court of Law. I did not obtain the Redreſs, to which, I apprehended, We were by Law intituled, and I complained of the Original, with the additional, Grievances to the Lord Lieutenant, the KING's *Vice-gerent*, with no better Succeſs. I then, took the Liberty, to which I am by Law intituled, of laying the whole Grievances before the KING. I did this from the fulleſt Senſe of Affection, Duty and Allegiance, and in the beſt Terms, I was able to expreſs. I offered it to the LORDS JUSTICES, as the only Perſons, through whoſe Hands, I apprehended the *Iriſh* Subjects had a Right to convey ſuch an Addreſs to the CROWN. It is returned and ſuppreſſed, and I am to be perſecuted for none other Crime than religiouſly obſerving and fulfilling the moſt SACRED BONDS between the *Subject* and SOVEREIGN, in the expreſs Words of the OATHS of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy*! What ſhould I have ſuffered, had I broke *Faith* and *Allegiance* with my PRINCE? I could not poſſibly have ſuffered, by any Law in Being, what I am now threatened. Aſk, is there a *Reproach*, a *Diſgrace*, an *Infamy*, a *Torture*, a *Death*, that is not denounced againſt, nay prepared for me? Had I been an approved Offender, a *Murderer*,

lever, or a *Traitor*, I might, have hoped for ſome Favor, ſome Mercy. I might have ſued out a *Noli proſequi*. But, where *ſpeaking* TRUTH and *aſſerting* PUBLIC LIBERTY are deemed Offences, no Crimes are puniſhed with more Rigor, with more Severity, with more implacable and remorſeleſs Fury and Violence. Therefore, if theſe can be conſtrued criminal, and no Aſſaſſin can be found to diſpatch me with leſs Trouble and Expence, ſooner, I am, it ſeems, to look for *Deſtruction* and *Death*, as the *due Reward* of, as conſummate LOVE, as exalted Sentiments of DUTY and ALLEGIANCE, as ever were ſhewn a KING or GOVERNMENT by any Subject! All this can not be done without the Permiſſion of that ALL-WISE POWER, which ſuperintends and governs the whole Creation. And therefore, though my Sufferings be the more intollerable, becauſe my Complaints were not permitted to reach HIS MAJESTY's Ear, and I am probably to be one Way or other cut off, before they do; yet, I ſhall be prepared with Patience and Reſignation to receive my Fate, as becomes a truly loyal Subject, like a Chriſtian, like a Man; and be ready to ſeal thoſe ſacred Truths I have aſſerted, with the untainted Blood of a LOYAL and FREE MAN; without a deſponding Thought for the SONS of LIBERTY, I leave behind me, or even for the poor, innocent *Orphans*, which I have been inſtrumental to bringing into the World, and which I have hithered labored, rather to leave VIRTUOUS and FREE, than *rich* and *inſlaved!* Them I ſhall chearfully commit, with You, MY FELLOW-SUBJECTS and FRIENDS, and the great and glorious Cauſe for which I ſuffer, to that JUST and ETERNAL JUDGE, who never can fail of rewarding VIRTUE and LIBERTY, here and hereafter.

UPON the Vengeance and Deſtruction denounced againſt me, your Enemies are grown very elate. But, while I am yet permitted to Speak or Write, I muſt warn You againſt their Machinations. Can You ſuffer an *Alderman* of Dublin to glory in my Ruin?—— will You chooſe one of them to ſerve You in Parlement?

ment? No; it is impoſſible! And yet, their Hopes are greatly raiſed of late: For, though ſome Days paſſed, they gave up the Cauſe and now confeſs, that Mr. *La Touche* and I ſhall carry the Election by a Majority of ſeveral hundreds; yet, they ſay, they have received Aſſurances of their Succeſs by other Means and in another Place, which I am not at Liberty to Name, though they do, by what Authority I know not. If there were none other cauſe than this, to move You to perfer any Men to *Aldermen*, or even to reject *Aldermen*, if there were none others to be had, I think it ſhould be ſufficient to determine You in this Caſe. They have tried all means of undoing You already, and now to complete your Deſtruction, they would ſap and over-turn the very Foundation and Being of your Conſtitution, which depends upon the Freedom of Elections!

AFTER this, who can think of voting for an *Alderman*, ſince voting for any of them promiſes their Electors nothing better, than ſure Infamy and Ruin? Their main Artifice now, is to diſcourage You from voting for me, becauſe of my being ſo obnoxious to Men in Power. But, You are to purſue the Rules of VIRTUE, JUSTICE and LIBERTY, unawed, uninfluenced by Power, or Authority; and if your Election ſhould light on me, I promiſe You, I will proſecute and maintain your Right, while *Law* and *Juſtice* is to be obtained within HIS MAJESTY's Dominions. If Corruption ſhould become, ſo prevalent, that I ſhould be caſt, in any Inſtance, while Juſtice and Law are of my Side, it will ſtill be an Honor to You and me, that We have glorioufly endeavored to diſcharge our Duty to our KING and COUNTRY, regardleſs of all Oppoſition. They threaten me, moſt impudently and audacioufly, with the *Houſe* of *Commons*. Can it be ſuppoſed, by the moſt hardened Reprobate, that the HOUSE of COMMONS, the REPRESENTATIVE BODY of the PEOPLE of IRELAND, will be offended at my contending by LAW, for the *Rights* and *Privileges* of the WHOLE KINGDOM, for the *Freedom* of *Speech* and the

the PRESS, and for a *free* and *uninfluenced* ELECTION? If it were poſſible to ſuppoſe ſuch *Commons*, it would be an Honor to be cenſured and expelled by them: For, it would be a Diſgrace to a free and honeſt Man, and could anſwer no End to his Conſtituents, that he ſhould ſit in ſuch an Aſſembly. But, as our Commons, thank GOD! are loyal, juſt and free, it is the moſt unpardonable Inſolence to inſinuate, that they are capable of ſwerving, a ſingle Shade, from JUSTICE, LAW and LIBERTY, the Principles of our Conſtitution. Whoever You ELECT *freely*, *fairly*, and *regularly*, that is not diſqualified by Law, takes his Seat in the *Houſe* of *Commons* of Courſe. Therefore, You are to let no Man, or Body of Men, dictate to You, whom You ſhall chooſe, or whom You ſhall not chooſe: For, if You ſuffer *Threats*, *Prejudgements* or *Dictates* to influence your Choice, You may bid farewell to the FREEDOM of ELECTIONS, and conſequently take your Leave of PARLEMENTS: Becauſe, whenever the *Commons* come to be appointed by *Power* or *Influence*, the PEOPLE will no longer be *repreſented*, and *arbitrary Power* muſt riſe upon the Ruins of the PUBLIC LIBERTIES; which, I hope, We ſhall never live to ſee!

THUS far, I thought fit to appriſe You of the Machinations of thoſe wicked Men, who know no way to Honor and Preferment, but by the Deſtruction of You and Your Country. How far you are to Countenance any of them, in the Election, or to be awed by their cruel and unjuſt Threats, or influenced by their alluring Smiles, I now, ſubmit to your free and diſpaſſionate Judgement.

LET me now preſent You with the following *Addreſs* to his EXCELLENCY the LORD LIEUTENANT, as I delivered it to him on *Tueſday* laſt; and permit me to declare to You, to whom the moſt remote Receſſes of my Soul, are always acceſſible, the Motives that induced me to take this Step, and the Conſequences, by which it was attended.

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It was ever a fixed Maxim with me, to pay all poſſible Reſpect to the lawful Rulers of the People, from the higheſt to the loweſt Miniſter in the State. For the Truth of this, I dare appeal to mine Enemies.

As it is the indiſpenſible Duty of every good Subject, to contribute his utmoſt Might to the Aſſiſtance of every wiſe and juſt Governor and Miniſter of State, ſo I endeavored to caſt my Mite into the public Treaſure. And in order to lay open the Caſe of this City and Kingdom to OUR KING and to HIS CHIEF GOVERNOR, and, at the ſame Time, to vindicate mine own Character from the foul Aſperſions induſtriouſly attempted to be thrown upon it, by deſigning Men, I determined to make another Effort to bring our Complaints before them.

WITH this Intent, I attended at HIS MAJESTY'S *Caſtle* on *Tueſday* laſt; preſented HIS EXCELLENCY with two Copies of our great Charter, with the *Addreſs* to the LORDS JUSTICES and the *Dedication* to the KING; to which was perfixed the following *Addreſs* to HIS EXCELLENCY; and a Collection of all the *Addreſſes* to my FELLOW-CITIZENS. He did me the honor, moſt politely to accept of the Books; and, moſt juſtly and judiciouſly, permitted me to explane my Conduct and to acquit my ſelf of the Calumnies, and baſe Views, with which I was aſperſed. Upon which, HE was pleaſed to expreſs his Satisfaction, and to applaud the Sentiments of *Love* and *Loyalty* to HIS MAJESTY and his Governments, which I declared; and recommended my making them manifeſt in my future Conduct and Writings. Which I gladly promiſed to perform; and begged HIS EXCELLENCY would, at his Leiſure, look over the Papers I had preſented, and give me Leave to attend upon him again, to know his Thoughts on the Subject; and upon Occaſion, to pay HIS EXCELLENCY every public, as well, as private Mark of Duty and Reſpect; to which, in my humble Apprehenſion, he humanely and generouſly conceded.

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FULL of Gratitude for this Treatment, ſo becoming a good and great Man, I returned to my Buſineſs, and determined to let the World ſee none of the following Addreſs. But, when I found, to my great Concern and Surpriſe! an unexpected Change wrought in HIS EXCELLENCY towards me, I thought it incumbent on me to let You ſee, that I have not knowingly or deſignedly been inſtrumental to the Provocation of HIS EXCELLENCY's Diſpleaſure, which would have, no doubt, raiſed your juſt Indignation againſt me.

YESTERDAY, I attended at the *Caſtle*, with the Intentions and Purpoſes above-mentioned; which I humbly hope, were not diſcommendable. Nothing, but a moſt dutiful Regard for HIS EXCELLENCY, and a Proſpect of ſerving You, MY FRIENDS and FELLOW-SUBJECTS, could have prompted me to pay painful Attendance at a *Levee*, a Work for which, of all others, I was leſt qualified by Inclination, by Nature, or by Art. But, of this, I was ſoon eaſed: For, I had not attended above half an Hour, when a Gentleman, with whom I have not the Honor of being acquainted, but, whom I ſuppoſe ſome Officer about the *Caſtle*, from his Dreſs; delivered me the following Meſſage, publicly in the Levee Room; *Mr.* Lucas, *it is the* Lord Lieutenant's *Pleaſure, that You ſtay no longer at the* Caſtle. Not a little ſurpriſed, I took the Liberty of aſking, *Whether theſe were* his Excellency's *Commands?* to which, I was anſwered in the *Affirmative*. Upon which, I replied, *Sir, I gladly and readily obey* his Excellency's *Commands*. And, with a profound Reverence, took my Leave, of *Levees* and the *Caſtle*, probably for ever, unleſs I am under a Neceſſity of appearing there, on your Behalf, in a more public Capacity.

NOW, MY MOST BELOVED FELLOW-CITIZENS, FELLOW-SUBJECTS, and FRIENDS, examine this Paper with Care and Candor, and judge if there be any Thing in it, inconſiſtent with the *Duty* and *Allegiance*, I owe MY SOVEREIGN, with the *Duty* and *Reſpect*, I

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owe HIS LORD LIEUTENANT, or the *Rights* and *Privileges* of a Subject; which every good Man is always ready to pay and to maintain.

FROM my Circumſtances, judge of your own Situation. And by this excited, be careful and vigilant in aſſerting and defending your ſacred and inviolable RIGHTS and LIBERTIES for the *Honor* of HIS MAJESTY, and for the *general Good* of his PEOPLE. Judge freely. Act diſpaſſionately. Avoid idle Strife and vain Conteſts for Names and trifling Circumſtances. Contend only for *your Liberties*, under the LAW, with Unity and Concord; and the Powers of the Globe can never prevail againſt You. Be not frightened by the baſe Notions, ſo induſtriouſly propogated by your Enemies, that OUR KING and the PEOPLE of *England*, look with a jealous and an invidious Eye, on your Attempts to recover and ſupport your Liberties. It is moſt wickedly injurious to both to inſinuate ſuch Falſehoods. That ſome Kings and Miniſters of *Britain* have been of this Mould, is undeniably, fatally evinced by our preſent Circumſtances; but, that neither the PRESENT KING, nor his *Britiſh* Subjects are of this Diſpoſition, is daily demonſtrated by the Conduct of both. That the KING has nothing more at Heart, than the FREEDOM and HAPPINESS of his PEOPLE, in general, his Enemies muſt confeſs. And, I do not believe, the People of this Kingdom, or City, are more warmly intereſted in the Freedom of this City, particularly, with Regard to your Succeſs in the impending Election, than are the People of *Great-Britain*, in general, the Citizens of *London*, *Briſtol*, and other great Cities, in particular.

BE not frightened or offended, MY FELLOW-CITIZENS, becauſe certain Men in Power can afford You no better Appellations, than *rude Rabble*, and *lawleſs Mob*. By ſuch Men the *Merchants* of *London* were called *ſturdy Beggars*. Follow the Example of theſe wiſe, loyal, free and great CITIZENS. Let the *Enemies* of your LIBERTY ſe , You deſpiſe them. And, that

that You dare aſſert your *Freedom* and *Rights* to the utmoſt Extent of the LAW. Then, let thoſe, who break through the *Law*, dread the Conſequences; they, not You, will incur the Appellation and the juſt Puniſhment of *Rabble*, *Mob*, *Traitors*, *Rebels*, *Tyrants*, and *Enemies* to their KING, their COUNTRY and their GOD.

LET my Fate move You to nothing but Steadineſs and Unanimity in the glorious Cauſe of LIBERTY and TRUE RELIGION. Look upon *undeſerved Abuſe*, as an HONOR. And then, inſtead of anſwering the Ends of your *Abuſers*, it will fruſtrate them, and redound to your *Comfort*, *Satisfaction*, and LIBERTY; to contribute to which, is the higheſt Pleaſure and the utmoſt Ambition of,

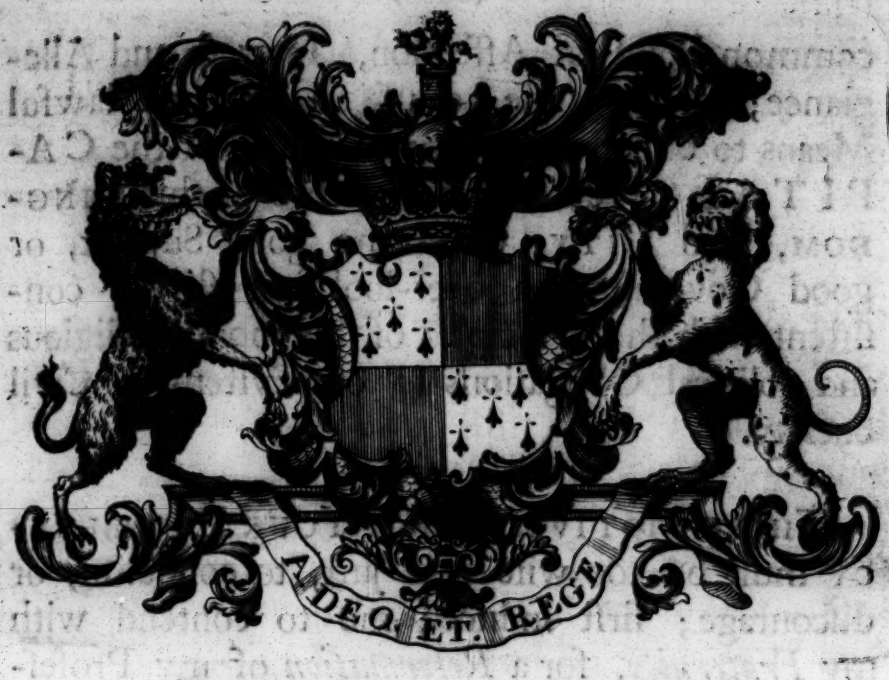
Your moſt devoted Friend,

and

Servant,

DUBLIN, *Oct.* 7*th*, 1749.

C. Lucas.



To His EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM

EARL OF

HARRINGTON,

Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of

IRELAND.

May it please YOUR EXCELLENCY!

THE Love and Duty I owe MY SOVEREIGN, and the Regard I bear his Governments and Dominions, in general, thoſe of this MY NATIVE COUNTRY, in particular, which are moſt intimately and inſeparably connected and linked together, in one

common Bond of Affection, Intereſt and Allegiance; prompt me to uſe all juſt and lawful Means to obtain an effectual Redreſs of the CAPITAL GRIEVANCES of this KINGDOM, and CITY, which no good Subject, or good Governor can over-look, or ſlight, conſiſtent with the Principles of his moral, religious and political Obligations to our Syſtem of Civil Society.

THESE MOTIVES, which YOUR EXCELLENCY muſt be too wiſe and juſt, to condemn, or diſcourage; firſt induced me to contend with my *Fraternity*, for a *Reformation* of my Profeſſion, in the Years 1735 and 1741, and ſince, with my *Superiors*, for the *Reſtoration* of the *Rights* and *Liberties* of the COMMONS and CITIZENS of this broken and reduced *Metropolis*.

IF YOUR EXCELLENCY will take the Trouble of Peruſing this and the following *Addreſs* to the LORDS JUSTICES, with the *Dedication* to the KING, I flatter my ſelf, You will ſee ſuch Cauſes aſſigned for the Courſes, I have taken, to obtain ſome Redreſs of the heavy Grievances of which I complain, that, I muſt Hope, You will not only Pardon the Preſumption of once more addreſſing, or attempting to addreſs YOUR EXCELLENCY in this Manner, but allow there is ſome Degree of Merit in Struggling, through the many Dangers and Difficulties, that have been oppoſed to me, for the bringing, or endeavoring to bring ſuch important Truths to the ROYAL EAR, as, if regarded, muſt tend to the unſpeak-

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ble Honor and Advantage of the KING and PEOPLE of theſe *Realms*, in the Security and Welfare of each of which, I look upon my ſelf to be equally intereſted and concerned.

HOWEVER, MY LORD, as the ſame Neceſſity, which firſt urged me to lay OUR COMPLAINTS before You, ſtill ſtrongly ſubſiſts, I ſhould be wanting in the Duty of a *Citizen*, and a *Subject*, and fall ſhort of the Character, I have endeavored to eſtabliſh in Life; if I ſhould ſlacken in my juſt Application to obtain a *Reſtoration* of our RIGHTS and LIBERTIES; and therefore, Regardleſs of the manifold Diſadvantages of Station, Birth and Education, under which I labor, and of the numberleſs Miſrepreſentations made of me, by deſigning Men; I preſume to make one Effort more to bring the COMPLAINTS of *Dublin*, before MY ROYAL SOVEREIGN; of the Greatneſs and Integrity of whoſe Soul, I am ſo fully convinced, that I am firmly perſuaded, he wants but due Information, to redreſs the Grievances of his Subjects.

I AM well aware, MY LORD, that ſome of thoſe great Men, who have thought fit to repreſent me to YOUR EXCELLENCY heretofore, as a *Mad-man*; will now ſet me forth in more hateful Colors. It is become much the Faſhion, of late, to vilify me, to repreſent me, as a *riotous*, *tumultuous Incendiary*, a *diſaffected*

Perſon, a *contemner* of Government, of Magiſtracy, even of MAJESTY.

TO ACQUIT my ſelf of theſe foul Imputations, I muſt beg YOUR EXCELLENCY will permit me to lay before You, a ſhort Review of the Courſe, I have taken to obtain *Juſtice* and *Law*, the common Benefits of the Conſtitution of this my Country.

WHEN I firſt diſcovered the *Invaſions*, made on the *Rights* and *Privileges* of the COMMONS and CITIZENS of this City, I tried all juſt and moderate Means to ſet Things to Rights, within the City; and though the *Invaders* gave me all manner of unjuſt, forcible, and cruel Oppoſition, and have now ſcarce left ſo much of the Traces of our Conſtitution, as might demonſtrate, We had any; I ſtill preſerve the Reſpect due to the *Magiſtracy* of the City, though I can look upon it only as *de Facto*, not *de Jure*.

FAILING of Redreſs within the *City Courts*, I had Recourſe, with my Fellows, to the *Courts of Law*; and though We were attended with no better Succeſs there, I can defy mine Enemies to ſhew the Inſtance, in which I failed to pay due Reſpect to the *Judges* of our Courts.

I HAVE, it is true, MY LORD, taken the Benefits, our Conſtitution admits, of *appealing* againſt, or *complaining* of, the Procedings of ſome of *theſe Judges*, to an higher Power, to YOUR EXCELLENCY, as the *Repreſentative* of HIS MAJESTY;

MAJESTY; whether or no the Terms in which I did ſo, were wrong or injurious, I humbly ſubmit to YOUR EXCELLENCY's Recollection.

ONE of the moſt ſenſible Happineſſes of our Syſtem of Government is, that every Perſon, who does but think himſelf aggrieved, by any Branch of the Subordinate Adminiſtration, has the Privilege of *appealing*, or *complaining* to a *Superior*, in a regular Gradation, from one to another, even to the SUPREME MAGISTRATE. This is a Privilege too ſacred for any loyal Subject to give up, for any good Governor to Suppreſs.

WHEN, I firſt clamed the Benefits of this Privilege, and layed before YOUR EXCELLENCY, the COMPLAINTS of *Dublin*, it muſt be confeſſed, You heared me with Patience, with Humanity, with a tender Feeling of the Sufferings of the KING's Subjects, and ſome Pain for the Shocks given our Conſtitution. What unhappy Miſrepreſentations of *Facts*, or *Perſon*, or what unauthoriſed Arrogance or Inſolence of *Servants*, prevented YOUR EXCELLENCY's taking the Steps in this Affair, that YOUR Wiſdom and Juſtice promiſed; or afterwards, excluded me Acceſs to YOUR EXCELLENCY's Preſence; I can not take upon me to point out; but, as the ſame Principles of JUSTICE and LAW bind alike the *Small* and the *Great*; when I judged it expedient, and my bounden Duty, to *appeal* to OUR SOVEREIGN; I thought it neceſſary to let him ſee, that I had Recourſe to the HIGHEST POWER here, before I preſumed to trouble HIS MAJESTY; which then, not before, gave me

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the SUBJECT's RIGHT, to apply for Relief to the THRONE.

I ADDRESSED the LORD's JUSTICES of this Kingdom, in YOUR EXCELLENCY's Abſence. I preſented them with the *Charter* and *Dedication*, which I now lay before YOUR EXCELLENCY, and prayed to have it tranſmitted to HIS MAJESTY. But, their EXCELLENCIES thought fit to decline granting my Petition.

THUS YOUR EXCELLENCY may ſee, the ſame Neceſſity ſtill ſubſiſts, the ſame Principles prompt, and the ſame Motives, that before prevailed, ſtill ſtrongly induce me, with all Reſpect and Humility, to addreſs YOUR EXCELLENCY, and to ſupplicate You, on behalf of my ſelf, and the reſt of my Suffering Fellow-Subjects and Fellow-Citizens, to forward the ſummary State of our Caſe, in the following *Charter* and *Dedication*, to the ROYAL PRESENCE.

THERE is another Reaſon, to me, no leſs cogent, for begging this Favor, with greater Earneſtneſs, of YOUR EXCELLENCY: My Reputation is dearer to me than Life; that is rigorouſly, ſeverely ſtruck at: The moſt violent, the moſt lawleſs, the moſt inhuman Threats are daily uttered againſt me; for none other Crime, that I know of, than that of *complaining* of public Injuries, dangerous and deſtructive to the KING and to HIS PEOPLE. I have appealed to CÆSAR.——Shall CÆSAR's *Servants*, obſtruct the laying my Complaints before the Throne? and even puniſh me for complaining?—— Shall this

this be done, under the Adminiſtration of a STANHOPE?——GOD forbid!

MY LORD, to ſum up all my Deſires and Intentions in a few Words; I only wiſh to diſcharge the End of my Creation, in fulfilling the Duty of a Subject, in every Station, to which it ſhall pleaſe ALL-WISE, ALL-RULING PROVIDENCE to call me, with due *Submiſſion* and *Subjection* to every loyal and good Governor and Subordinate Magiſtrate, and an equal Right to oppoſe, by Law, and to complain of the Miſconduct of all thoſe, who endanger our Conſtitution, by invading the Rights of the Subject, or neglecting to diſcharge the Duties of their Stations.

IF in all, that I have hitherto attempted, with this Intent, I have done wrong to any Man, I am open to Conviction, and ready to make the fulleſt Attonement. Therefore, if I have advanced any Thing repugnant to the Principles of our Government, or inconſiſtent with the Rights and Privileges of the Subject, I humbly conceive my Intentions ought to be conſidered, and I ſhould be properly examined, before the threatened Weight and Fury of Power be let looſe upon me. It is not to be deemed beneath the Dignity of good Governors to inform active and well-meaning Subjects of Errors in their Conduct; if ſuch can be made to appear in my Tranſactions, I ſhall from the ſame Principle, that I mean to advance Truths, in my Judgement, conducive to the Happineſs of this City, and theſe Kingdoms, as readily, as publicly, retract Errors, or Miſtakes.

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MY LORD, I muſt beg YOUR EXCELLENCY's Indulgence to make one Declaration more.---At a Time, when *Miniſterial Influence*, or *Court Dependence* is rather ſought, than avoided, by Men of independent Fortunes, it may be ſuſpected, that one of my low Sphere, may have ſome private or ſelfiſh Views in thus attending upon YOUR EXCELLENCY. To obviate ſuch an Imputation, I thus ſolemnly declare, that though I wiſh to be always well underſtood, and, upon Occaſion, well heared, by the Government; yet, even that, is only for the public Good; becauſe, that, for my ſelf, I have nothing to aſk, nor any thing to fear from the higheſt Powers: My ſole Ambition is to diſcharge the Duties of my Station. And, in ſo doing, I ſhall ever take Care to approve my ſelf, HIS MAJESTY's moſt unfeignedly loving, and loyal Subject, as well, as

May it pleaſe YOUR EXCELLENCY!

YOUR EXCELLENCY's

moſt dutiful

and

moſt faithful,

humble Servant,

DUBLIN,
October the 3d, 1749.

C. Lucas.